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§ 544.1 Scope.

This part sets forth requirements for insurers to report to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration information about motor vehicle thefts and recoveries, the effects of the Federal motor vehicle theft prevention standard on those thefts and recoveries, and related insurance practices.

§ 544.2 Purpose.

The purpose of these reporting requirements in this part is to aid in implementing and evaluating the provisions of 49 U.S.C. Chapter 331 Theft Prevention to prevent or discourage the theft of motor vehicles, to prevent or discourage the sale or distribution in interstate commerce of used parts removed from stolen motor vehicles, and to help reduce the cost to consumers of comprehensive insurance coverage for motor vehicles.

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§ 544.3 Application.

This part applies to the motor vehicle insurance policy issuers listed in appendices A or B, and to the motor ve-

hicle rental and leasing companies listed in appendix C.

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§ 544.4 Definitions.

(a) *Statutory terms.* All terms defined in 49 U.S.C. 33101 and 33112 are used in accordance with their statutory meanings unless otherwise defined in paragraph (b) of this section.

(b) *Other definitions.* (1) *Comprehensive insurance coverage* means the indemnification of motor vehicle owners by an insurer against losses due to fire, theft, robbery, pilferage, malicious mischief and vandalism, and damage resulting from floods, water, tornadoes, cyclones, or windstorms.

(2) *Gross vehicle weight rating* is used as defined at § 571.3 of this chapter.

(3) *Heavy truck* means a truck with a gross vehicle weight rating of more than 10,000 pounds.

(4) *Light truck* means a truck with a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less.

(5) *Major part* means—

(i) In the case of passenger motor vehicles, any part listed in § 541.5(a) (1) through (14) of this chapter;

(ii) In the case of light trucks, any part listed in § 541.4(a) (1) through (14) of this chapter, or the cargo bed or transfer case;

(iii) In the case of heavy trucks, any part listed in § 541.5(a) (1) through (14) of this chapter, or the cargo bed, drive axle assembly, fifth wheel, sleeper, or the transfer case;

(iv) In the case of multipurpose passenger vehicles, any part listed in § 541.5(a) (1) through (14) of this chapter, or the cargo bed or transfer case; and

(v) In the case of motorcycles, the crankcase, engine, frame, front fork, or transmission.

(6) *Motorcycle* is used as defined at § 571.3 of this chapter.

(7) *Motorcycle vehicle* means a passenger motor vehicle, multipurpose passenger vehicle, truck, or motorcycle.

(8) *Multipurpose passenger vehicle* is used as defined at § 571.3 of this chapter.

(9) *Recovery* means regaining physical possession of a motor vehicle or a major portion of the superstructure of